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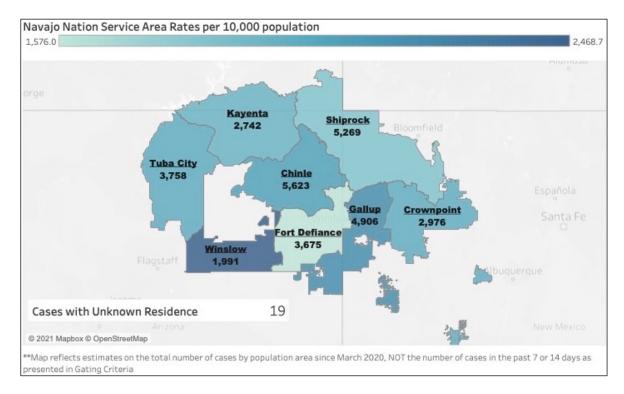
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11 new cases, 29,559 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 11 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,343, as previously reported. The report indicates that 29,559 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 278,694 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,959.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 5,623

Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,976Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,675

Gallup Service Unit: 4,906
Kayenta Service Unit: 2,742
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,269
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,758
Winslow Service Unit: 1,991

* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Friday, the state of Arizona reported 364 new cases, Utah reported 325, and New Mexico reported 122 cases. On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health issued Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-012 lifting the Navajo Nation's stay-at-home order and replacing it with a safer-at-home order. It also allows social gatherings of 25 or fewer people, in-person trainings and meetings of 25 or fewer people, traditional ceremonies of 25 or fewer people, outdoor recreational events of 25 or fewer people, churches and other houses of worship at limited capacity, and drive-thru gatherings up to 100 vehicles. Face masks are required for all gatherings, whether fully vaccinated or not.

"We wish all of our Navajo people a safe and enjoyable Father's Day weekend and we strongly urge everyone to celebrate safely with COVID-19 precautions in place. We are still in the midst of this pandemic and we still have a mask mandate in place for all residents and visitors of the Navajo Nation. We have to get more of our people fully vaccinated before we lift more restrictions, so please encourage your loved ones to get the vaccine if they haven't already. We are in this together and we have to keep pushing back on this virus together," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"As we continue toward our goal of community immunity, we must continue to be cautious and to wear masks in public. We do not want any more of our people to lose their life to COVID-19, so please be careful and take precautions. We wish all of the fathers and grandfathers a very happy and safe Father's Day on Sunday, and we ask our people to celebrate safely. Please continue to pray for our people and our frontline workers," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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